

Economic Development & Improvement Commission (EDIC)
Regular Meeting – Thursday September 13, 2012 – 12:00 Noon
Town Manager's Conference Room, First Floor, Town Hall
MINUTES

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Attendance and Quorum (6 members required) – Chris Lyons, Ron Baker, Howard Greenblatt, Betty Rosania, Joan Hughes, Dorcas McHugh, John Adamian, Stathis Manousos – Town Council, Jeff Bridges – Town Manager, Peter Gillespie – Director of Planning and Conservation Development and Denise Bradley – Assistant Planner.
3. Old Business
 - a. Farmers' Market – Doug Sacks reported on the success of the Farm to Table Dinner and that they have hopes to host additional events in the future. He also noted that the market attendance is averaging 500-750 people weekly and that the market will be moving indoors to Trinity Church in October.
 - b. Vacant Property Updates – Peter Gillespie reported on 1000 Silas Deane Highway, 1178 Silas Deane Highway and 176 Cumberland Avenue.
 - c. Website – Peter Gillespie reported that website redesign will be unveiled in October.
 - d. Vibrant Communities Grant – Masonic Building and Comstock Ferre – Peter Gillespie reported on the receipt of a \$50,000 to complete a study and create a plan for the future of these properties. RFQ's are due on September 20th.
 - e. Main Street Investment Fund Grant – Peter Gillespie reported on a grant being offered by the State Tourism Office that would help to support several tourism initiatives including a series of informational kiosks and a formalized self-guided tour. The application is due on September 28th. Dorcas McHugh made a motion to submit a letter of support for the grant application. Betty Rosania seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
4. New Business
 - a. 2012 STEAP Grant – Peter Gillespie reported that an application for an additional \$250,000 for the Façade Loan Program and \$250,000 to assist in the potential demolition of 1000 Silas Deane Highway.
 - b. Salute To Business 2012 – The event will be held at the Wethersfield Country Club on Tuesday, December 11th.
 - c. Election of Officers 2012/2013 – Betty Rosania made a motion to nominate Chris Lyons to be Chairman for another term. Dorcas McHugh seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Betty Rosania made a motion to nominate Joan Hughes as Vice-Chair. Howard Greenblatt seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
5. Other Business – There was no other business.

6. Reports Town Manager's Report – Jeff Bridges reported on the proposed WHS geothermal and solar technology systems, the Road Paving Program, the Natural Gas Fueling Station being installed at Town Hall and the Wilkus bid deadline of September 27th.
- Town Council Liaison's Report – Stathis Manousos reported on the Front Yard Parking Ordinance and the WHS Building Committee.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison's Report – The DRAFT Plan of Conservation and Development will be discussed at 5:00 p. m. of Tuesday, October 2nd in the Town Manager's Conference Room.
- Tourism Commission Liaison's Report – Doug Sacks made a motion to support another Photo Contest by appropriating \$250,000. Chris Lyons seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- Redevelopment Agency Liaison Report – No report was given.
- Chamber of Commerce Liaison's Report – The Cornfest will be held on Saturday, September 15th from 10 a. m. – 6 p. m. on the Broad Street Green, a Business After Hours will be held at the Wethersfield Library on September 2th from 5:30 – 7:30 p. m. and the Holidays on Main will be held on Thursday, December 6th.
- Director of Planning and Economic Development's Report – Peter Gillespie reported on the highlights on the Monthly Economic Development Report.
7. Chairman's Report – No additional report was given.
8. Sub-Committee Reports - Marketing and Communications – A meeting will be scheduled in the beginning of August to discuss the Salute to Business details.
- Financial Strategies – No additional report was given.
9. Minutes – July 12, 2012 Meeting – Dorcas McHugh made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Joan Hughes seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
10. Next Meeting – October 11, 2012
11. Correspondence – There was no additional correspondence.
12. Adjournment – Joan Hughes made a motion to adjourn at 1:30 p. m. John Adamian seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Bradley, Assistant Planner